



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

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For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS AND SCANNING EXPOSURE  
APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR PATENT OFFICE TO ACT ON  
FEBRUARY 11, 2005 AMENDMENT**

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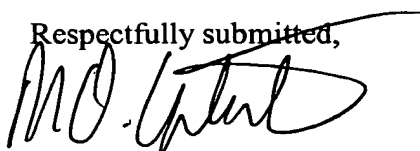
Sir:

On February 11, 2005, Applicants timely filed an Amendment and appropriate Petition for Extension of Time in reply to an Office Action dated August 17, 2004. On March 3, 2005, the Patent Office issued an erroneous Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment because the Patent Office did not apply the correct rules for amending reissue applications to the February 11, 2005 Amendment. Applicants filed a response to the Notice on March 9, 2005, and on April 12, 2005 the Patent Office issued a letter withdrawing the March 3 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants also filed an executed Supplemental Reissue Declaration referring to the February 11 Amendment on March 28, 2005.

The Patent Office has not yet acted on the February 11, 2005 Amendment. The Patent Office is respectfully requested to act on the February 11, 2005 Amendment as soon as possible, as it has been nearly 14 months since Applicant filed that Amendment.

The appropriate Patent Office official is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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